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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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This declaration is for an original application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

WEIGHT BEARING SYSTEMS AND METHODS RELATING TO SAME

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification was filed on October 16, 2001, as Serial No. 09/981507.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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